

AREA CLOSURE for PUBLIC SAFETY
OKANOGAN-WENATCHEE NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest:

1. **To go into or be upon any area closed for protection of public health or safety.** For the purposes of this order, it is prohibited to enter or be within National Forest System lands, roads, or trails within the area of the Wenatchee River Ranger District closure area consisting of:

The southern boundary of the fire area closure begins on Hwy 2 at the intersection of sections 10 and 11 in T.24N R. 17E. The boundary follows the Forest Boundary south to the junction with Icicle Ridge Trail (#1570) and then stays north of the Icicle Ridge Trail (following the trail) until the ridge is gained. From there, the boundary follows Icicle ridge west to the Chatter Creek Trail (#1580). The boundary then follows Chatter Creek Trail (leaving Chatter Creek open to public use) to its junction with Icicle Ridge Trail (#1570) following Icicle Ridge Trail west to Ladies Pass. North facing slopes and trails off of Icicle ridge are closed. Closed trails include: Icicle Ridge Trail (#1570) where it heads north off of Icicle ridge near Johnny Creek to its junction with Chatter Creek Trail (#1580), the Hatchery Creek Trail (#1577), Painter Creek Trail (#1575), Index Creek Trail (#1572), and the South Fork Chiwakum Trail (#1571). The Western Boundary of the fire closure begins at the South Fork Chiwakum Trail (#1571)/Icicle Ridge (#1570) junction and continues north to Snowgrass Mountain and follows the Chiwakum Mountain Range North/Northeast to the intersection of Highway 2 and FS 6940 at Township 26N, Range 16 E, Section 3. The closure includes trails and areas south and west of Highway 2 between FS Rd. 6940 and township 25N R17 E, Section 33 including Lake Ethel Trail (#1585), Roaring Creek Trail (#1584), Lock Eileen (#1584.1), North Fork Chiwakum Trail (#1591), McCue Ridge Trail (#1574), and Glacier Creek Trail (#1573).

Icicle Road and all campgrounds along Icicle Road remain open.

South facing aspects of Icicle Ridge Trail (#1570) are open

Fourth of July Creek Trail (#1579) is open.

Chatter Creek Trail (#1580) is open.

This closure is effective as of **August 19, 2014** and will remain in effect until terminated.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission, including Washington State employees in performance of an official duty, and their authorized contractors.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer, or a member of any organized search and rescue, emergency services, or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any private land owner exercising an existing right to access their own private property which is otherwise within the closure area as described above.

This prohibition is in addition to the general prohibitions in 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A.

Done at Wenatchee, Washington this 19th day of August, 2014.

/s/ Michael L. Balboni

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Violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 USC 551 And 18 USC 3559 and 3571)

Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

1. Background. A fire occurred on the Wenatchee River Ranger District on July 15th, 2014. Fire Suppression activities and monitoring are occurring. Areas where fires are burning and have occurred may contain a high element of dangerous possibilities such as wildfire, falling rock, dead falling tree's, weakened slope stability, stump holes and other hazards. For public safety these closures aim to reduce risk to people by prohibiting entrance to these areas.

2. Intent of Subpart B order. This order provides for public and agency personnel safety.

3. Enforcement Plan. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety:

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsible Official</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Staff with LE input	08/19/2014
Review proposed order	Law Enforcement	08/19/2014
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	08/19/2014
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff	08/19/2014
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	District PIO	08/19/2014
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerance, contacts to local public agencies. Implement plan.	District FPOs, other District staff, Chelan County Deputies	08/19/2014

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

/s/ Michael L. Balboni
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8-19-14
Date